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Seattle Hazmat Response Team Receives 2004 Warren E. Isman Educational Grant

Chief Lowell M. Porter announced today that the National Fire Protection Association Fire Safety Education Memorial Fund Committee selected the Seattle Fire Department's Hazmat Response Team as the top applicant for the 2004 Warren E. Isman Educational Grant.

State Fire Marshal Mary Corso adds, "The Task Force and Committee felt strongly that the Seattle Hazmat Response Team showed the most significant accomplishments and demonstrated the most effective leadership among the competing teams. I want to congratulate the Seattle Fire Department for the hard work and dedication that led to the receipt of this grant."

Any established hazmat incident response team from a fire department, police department, or other public-funded program were eligible to apply. Preference was given to teams that demonstrated:

- Leadership qualities.
- Communication abilities.
- Training to the levels outlined in NFPA 472, Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents, and NFPA 473, Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents.

The Seattle Fire Department received \$2,500 in funding through the grant towards expenses for team members to attend the International Association of Fire Chief's Annual Hazmat Conference to be held June 3-6, 2004, in Maryland.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State, including inspections of state-licensed facilities, plan review of fire protection systems and school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information, visit our Web page at www.wsp.wa.gov and then click on "State Fire Marshal."

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